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DEVELOPMENT OF LAKES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's plan for conservation of lakes will remain continue during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the conservation and development plan drawn up, lake-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)to(c) The Ministry is implementing the scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) since June, 2001 for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas. Under this Plan, the Ministry has so far, sanctioned 35 projects for conservation of 52 lakes at an estimated cost of Rs. 687.52 crore.

The National Lake Conservation Plan is presently continuing and an outlay of Rs.63.21 crore (Revised Estimate) has been earmarked for the first year of the XI Plan i.e., Annual Plan 2007-08, for the NLCP projects.For the financial year 2008-09, the out lay (Budget Estimate) for implementation of the NLCP projects is Rs.80 crore.Based on the response of the State Governments on prioritization of lakes and submission of proposals for their conservation, a requirement of Rs. 800 crore for ongoing and new projects had been estimated for the NLCP during the XI Plan.

The proposals for new lakes are considered for sanction subject to their admissibility as per NLCP guidelines,pollution status, prioritization and availability of funds under the Plan.